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TAGS: CI TECH IAEA

SUBJECT: CHILEAN INTEREST IN ENRICHED URANIUM SUPPLY

THROUGH IAEA FOR SECOND RESEARCH REACTOR

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 111401 (B) SANTIAGO 2460

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1. FYI: AS INDICATED REFTEL (B), CHILEAN PROPOSAL POSES PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO BOTH IAEA STATUTES AND US LEGISLATION. IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT IF PROJECT AS NOW PROPOSED WERE PRESENTED TO BG, US WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SUPPORT IT. HOWEVER, IN ORDER MINIMIZE RISK TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, OUR PURPOSE HAS BEEN TO KEEP IAEA OUT FRONT ON THE ISSUE, AND AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF LOBBYING AGAINST CHILEAN PROPOSAL. HOPE IS THAT IF PROJECT REMAINS UNALTERED, IT WILL FOUNDER ON IAEA STATUTES AND NOT REPEAT NOT FORCE US INTO OPEN OPPOSITION AT BG.

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2. WE FEEL THAT, IN SUPPORT OF THIS TACTIC, WE SHOULD AVOID DIRECT BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH ANY GOC ELEMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE, SO THAT MATTER REMAINS ESSENTIALLY ONE BETWEEN GOC AND IAEA STAFF. END FYI.

3. THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT IN ANY CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL PRATS OR OTHER GOC OFFICIALS ON THIS TOPIC, YOU STATE (AS DEPT. TOLD MINCOUNS VALDES) THAT IT IS UP TO GOC TO SATISFY IAEA REQUIREMENTS. YOU MAY ADD, AT YOUR DISCRETION, THAT OF COURSE WE SUPPORT THOSE REQUIREMENTS, THAT THEY ARE, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE AT LEAST, THE IAEA STAFF' S RESPONSIBILITY, AND THAT WE ARE RELUCTANT TO GET IN BETWEEN THE GOC AND THE IAEA STAFF ON THE MATTER.

4. DR. A. S. FRIEDMAN, DIRECTOR, DIVISION INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, USAEC (REF A) PLANS CALL AT EMBASSY. PORTER

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